

THE DAILY
SHORT STORY

A Weather Breeder

By H. IRVING KING

With Philip Holt and Helen Carey the course of true love was running, altogether too smoothly, there was not a ripple on the surface, not a shadow in the depths. They were deeply enamored of each other, her parents were pleased with the match, Philip had a good position, money of his own and expectations from his great aunt, an aged spinster, one Catherine Geoghan. In short, the conditions were abnormal.

Any one at all weatherwise will tell you that there are sometimes days so superlatively beautiful that a severe storm may be looked for in the near future. Such days are called "weather-breeders." One day Philip, who was calling upon Helen, he spent a good share of his time now at that occupation, said suddenly: "There! I forgot to write to Aunt Kate today. This was my day for writing her; but my head is so full of you that I forgot everything else, you dear girl!"

"Sit right down there at my desk and write her now," replied Helen. "I'll play you some of that Harp and Hart music you like so well while you write."

A word about this "Helen" Kate. A part of her time she spent on a farm she owned in New Hampshire and a part of her time in New York. But that was not a rather eccentric body this was about all that Philip had told concerning her. Kate had never seen her, but they were to visit her on their wedding tour.

Helen seated herself at the piano and began those airs once so popular, presently breaking into song with "Love, bring out your orange blossoms, put on your snow-white veil," from "Cordelia's Aspirations."

There was in the living room one of those dinky little "weather-docks" which women adore, and which excite them. Philip seated himself at it and wrote. He had completed his letter, put it in the envelope, sealed it and directed it when, so awkward was he in handling Helen's foolish little ivory-handled pen, a great glob of ink dropped on the face of the envelope. He tore off the ruined envelope, crumpled it up and threw it into the beribboned little wastebasket by the side of the desk, substituted another envelope, directed it, pressed it on the blotting pad, sealed the letter and put it in his pocket.

"There, that's done! Now come and talk to me," he said. It was late when Philip left. How dense the living room looked to Helen after his departure.

"Dear Philip!" she sighed. Then her eye caught the discarded envelope—she had happened to be looking when he threw it away—and she picked it out of the basket and smoothed it out. And this is what met her eyes: "Miss Fife La Tour, with the addition of a New York address."

"Fife La Tour!" If that name did not suggest the footlights, then nothing did. And he had said he was writing to his aunt! Out of the shadows which the piano lamp left lurking in the room the green-eyed monster crawled and seized upon Helen. She crept up to her room like a wounded dove with a broken wing.

During a wakeful night and the dreary morning hours that followed Helen did a lot of thinking, her mind alternating between selfish despair and righteous indignation.

Helen took a resolution. She informed her mother—her father was away on a business trip—that she was going to New York. She packed a traveling bag, put her month's allowance in her purse and departed. Arriving in the big city, she took a taxi and drove to the address of Miss Fife La Tour, from whom she proposed to wrest the truth. The cave of the sirens proved to be an old-fashioned dwelling straggling in that part of the metropolis once known as Chelsea Village. A neat housemaid admitted her when she frigidly demanded to see Miss La Tour.

It was an old-fashioned parlor into which she was shown, with "dolls" on the chairs, shabby "enlarged crayon portraits" on the walls and a gilt basket of wax fruit under a glass on the marble-topped table.

"These chorus girls do get up the respectable in a thorough manner," thought Helen. "I suppose there will be a respectably got up guardian to match this parlor."

There was a considerable delay, and then entered, to her, the most astonishing person upon whom she had ever set eyes. It was a little, bird-like old woman dressed in many colors, be-fouled and be-furbled. From an obvious wig yellow curls hung down to her shoulders, and keen, merry old eyes looked out over heavily rouged cheeks from either side of a very beak of a nose.

Helen half expected her to go pecking at the wax cherries under the glass globe on the center table. She came in with a motioph half-dying, half-dancing; her feet, clad in the tightest of white slippers, seemed scarcely to touch the floor.

"I beg pardon," said Helen, starting up. "I wished to see Miss La Tour."

"Well, my dear, you see her—all that's left of her, anyway. There was a time when people paid big money for seats to see Fife La Tour. But that was years and years ago. One can't be young forever, though I do pretty well at it, don't you think, my pretty dear?"

"Do you know," stammered the bewildered Helen, "a young man named Philip Holt?"

"Know him?" cried the old lady. "Why, he's my neveu."

"You—you can't be Aunt Kate?" gasped Helen.

"And why not, pray? And phony might you be, you little ducky?"

"I'm Helen, he's going to marry me."

"Then she just broke down and shed tears—tears of repentance for her own mistrust of her lover and tears of pleasure that Philip was guileless—and told her whole little story. The funny little old woman fairly cracked with laughter; she picked up her skirts and executed the most astonishing pas de sauls; Helen was really afraid she would come to pieces. Then sinking into a chair and catching her breath she said: "This is just too delicious. It's years and years since Fife La Tour has been mixed up in a love affair before, but in my day, my dear, thousands of women were frantically jealous of me, I am sure. La, la. And here I am over eighty and still suspected of being a siren!" Then, in a serious tone, she went on: "You see my dear, I was once a ballet dancer—La Tour was my stage name, and I still keep it for general use and have all my letters so addressed. I know I am an old fool, but it helps me to pretend to myself that I am still young."

"Philip has never told you that I used to be a dancer at courts. That was a subject tabooed among the Holts and the Geoghan—when they were alive, I mean. All dead now. All gone and under the sod. All but Philip."

"And a great tear slid down one of the rouged and wrinkled cheeks."

"When Philip reached his lodgings that night he found a telegram from Helen awaiting him, saying: 'Am on a visit to Aunt Kate. Will be home tomorrow.'"

"He could scarcely wait for the morrow to know what it all meant. But the morrow came, and with it Helen and her explanation and confession. She forgave him, of course. In these matters it is always the man who gets the forgiveness, and the course of their true love went running smoothly on again. Among the wedding presents was a beautiful silver tea service from 'Miss Fife La Tour.'"

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COMMITTS SUICIDE.

CHAMONIX, France, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mme. Marcel Samet committed suicide here today following the sudden death yesterday of her husband, the millionaire socialist deputy and former minister of public works.

When answering advertisements, please say you saw it in The West Virginian.

Launching the Marriage Ship

By ZOE BECKLEY

But it seems that people of importance do not discuss business secrets before strangers, and Fred was disappointed to have Mr. Stelard leave almost immediately. The man was driven away virtually by Hanna Fuller's coldness, answering him monosyllabically and shutting him tacitly from her conversation with Fred.

She even seemed slightly disappointed on the drive back, talking little until they had almost reached Clipperton Court. Then her remarks were as though she were thinking aloud.

"Life seems to pattern itself," her tone was gentle, almost wistful, "on a sort of coquette dance, doesn't it, Mr. Dale? A is pursued and wooed by B, but himself courts C, by whom he is scorned in favor of D. And so it goes. Give me a bit more time to map out my mind about Gypsy, won't you? Jim Stelard is buying over a new make of car and wants me to—"

She stopped abruptly, as though realizing she spoke too freely, bade Fred a sincere "Thank you—and good night"—and went up quickly to her apartment.

Fred's mind kept running on her cryptic utterance about Stelard's buying in "a new make of car," on his brief mention—with the big man himself, and on the persistent rumor in Automobile Row of some campaign of expansion on the part of the Stelard interests.

He drove the demonstration car to his garage, telephoned Conna to get the car, telephoned Conna to get the car, telephoned Conna to get the car.

French restaurant he's heard of.

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

HE HAW RIDES WITH THE TWINS



Suddenly he stood up on his hind legs.

Nancy and Nick rode away from the Dingle Dell on Hee Haw. Hee Haw was the donkey the old wizard had given them to ride, so they could hunt for the lost wand of the Fairy Queen.

But really Hee Haw wasn't a donkey at all. He was Flap Doodle, the very fairy the Twins were searching for and who had caused all the mischief.

But Nancy and Nick didn't know that, of course. "Gip ap," said Nick, giving the donkey a poke. Hee Haw switched his tail and trotted away.

Inside of him he was laughing and laughing. Hee Haw was. He thought what a good joke it was for the Twins to be searching for him everywhere, and here they were riding right on his back.

"I'll soon lose them," he said. "I'll take them first to the thorny patch and pretend to be

frightened and drop them off. Then I'll run away. They'll never get out of that, and that will be the end of them."

After while, not so very long, Hee Haw turned into a side path. "Where are you going?" called Nick.

"Just here!" answered Hee Haw. Suddenly he stood up on his hind legs and Nancy and Nick rolled off his back like two ripe plums dropping off a tree.

The first thing they knew, Hee Haw was jumping a fence and tearing off down the road. The Twins got up and looked around.

"Oh!" cried Nancy, "look at the thorns!"

"Yes," answered Nick. "And thistles, too! This is a fine place to bring us."

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Layer Sandwiches

By BERTHA SHAPLEIGH

Of Columbia University

The sandwiches may be made with any kind of filling and consisting of five slices of thinly cut bread; three white and two brown, having a white slice top and bottom. Butter each slice generously.

A very good filling is cream cheese with chopped olives and pimientos; any kind of cold-chopped meat mixed with salad dressing. Put the five slices together, press, trim off crusts and cut in crosswise slices one-quarter inch in thickness.

On Motoring Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Henry King and daughter, Mildred returned recently from a motoring trip to Champaign County, Ohio, and other points in that state where they visited relatives and friends.

While there they attended the annual reunion of the West Virginians in that section. There is quite a colony of people from this and Harrison County located in that section of Ohio.

Persons

Mrs. Elwood Keene and children of Lemoyne, Pa., are visiting relatives and friends here at present.

A. J. McDaniel was a visitor to Parkersburg on Monday. His son, James B., has entered the Mountain State Business College for a commercial course.

J. Lane Parrish, C. O. Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Orley Morgan and S. K. Jacobs attended the ball game at South Side Park on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bean, who

department of the C. R. Atha

most Mark was put out of commission. Other damages were to I. McIntire, the Guy Ice barbershop and pool room, and the city council chamber, all of whose rooms were overflowed. The gas line supplying the town was broken early Saturday morning and service was not restored until Sunday afternoon. The electric lights were also off for several hours, thus adding to the inconvenience. The residence of Justice J. Lane Parrish was struck by lightning during the storm and some damage done to the building. Mr. Parrish was shocked considerably but none of the family was seriously injured.

Flood Damage

The storm which struck this section Friday night did considerable damage in the town. Panther Run, a small stream of less than one mile in length, early became a raging torrent. The large culvert and the sewer which carries the water under the public street and the traction line became clogged and overflowed, causing much damage to the occupants of the basement rooms under the bank building and the McIntire & McDaniel Building. The refrigerating

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Are you "up to the neck" in blood impurities? S. S. S. is one of the greatest blood-purifiers known. Try it.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

I WONDER WHAT THOSE WOMEN WERE TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY? THEY STARTED IN AS THOUGH THEY HAD SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO TELL ME AND WENT AWAY WITHOUT TELLING IT. I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING TO WILBUR ABOUT IT YET—WONDER IF I OUGHT TO?

I GUESS I'LL CALL UP WILBUR AND TELL HIM ABOUT IT—IT WORRIES ME—HELLO—HELLO—I GUESS THERE IS SOMEBODY ON THE LINE—THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT ME—I'LL LISTEN IN!

YES, I JUST HEARD ABOUT IT THIS MORNING—IS SHE GOING TO GET A DIVORCE? I SHOULD THINK SHE WOULD—HE LOOKS LIKE KIND OF A FLY BIRD ANYWAY—WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS IS MR. DUFF IN? HAS HE GOT ANYTHING?

WHOM ARE YOU TWO GOSSIPING TALKING ABOUT?

THERE IS SOMEBODY LISTENING IN ON THIS LINE—GOOD BYE!

Something Queer in the Air

BY ALLMAN

Mr. Oliver Towne

(ALL-OVER TOWN)

ENJOY the confidence of more young people about to be married than all the diaries.

But I don't keep them secret. No, sir, I just tell everybody in town about the things they want, and see to it that they get them.

If you're one of those happy ones and want anything from a Bungalow to a Caterer just call on me for a want ad.

Or if you've something to offer that'll interest these young folks, let me tell them about it for you.

PHONE 1105

The West Virginian

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Osgood's for Quality

Here are the new colors for Fall—see them in Osgood's Dresses, Hats, Suits, Wraps and Other Apparel

VATICAN though a rich purple worn by bishops is also worn by fashionable women, mostly in hats.

MUFFIN is a gold tan which you must mark, learn, and inwardly digest for Fall blouses are making much do over it.

POINSETTIA, one of the new evening shades, hints that the dancers will shun the sombre and make merry.

CHUTNEY is a rich, reddish brown much to be relished.

KREMLIN is a new green shade, a trifle lighter than jade but a big shade smarter for Autumn.

BITTERSWEET but mostly sweet, is the color tiger lilies contribute to the old-fashioned garden.

CAPRICE is like fuchsia only "stee" shades lighter and what a lovely name for a dance frock color.

APACHE, a lively brown dominant among the woollens indicates that the browns have it among Fall suit shades.

COMET is a rare blue like old China that dabbles only succeed in concocting now and again.

LIBERTY is the shade of the flag's field of blue and this Fall a fashion-wide as well as nation-wide color.

CHINESE green a less intense shade than jade and not the only thing this season of Chinese inspiration.

CONGO may sound like the hinterland but it is certainly in the foreground of fashionable colors—a gray brown.

OPAL is a lovely, lively green. When you see evening gowns of it you'll agree it is a jewel.

HINDU one of those darkly mysterious brown shades that will be seen so much in coats.

WHIRLPOOL is a deep turquoise blue that is dashing headlong to great popularity.

PIGSKIN is a popular tan shade with the fashionable suede-finished fabrics.

BRICKDUST is a long way from gold dust but its a henna tone that will mean more than riches to fashionable women.

BOBOLINK leads a group of beige shades all of which are assured Fall prominence.

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